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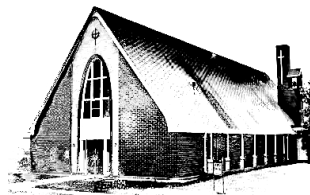


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 22, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 40 NO. 8

Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Little Flower, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Mary's,

The Diocese of Fargo 2026 God's Gift Appeal is well underway.

God's Gift Appeal is an opportunity for everyone to support the ministries of our diocesan church. Every February we are invited to support the mission of the Gospel by helping to fund the programs and ministries of the diocese.



Your gift to the God's Gift Appeal will provide funding for 47 Catholic outreach ministries that assist people throughout our diocese. I am hopeful that every household in our parish will take an active role in this effort.

Many of our families and individuals have been able to make a more substantial gift by pledging over the next eight months. I am asking you to consider a contribution of 1% of your income to the God's Gift Appeal. The success of the appeal depends on your active response in faith.

As good stewards of God's gifts, we are called to return to Him a share of the gifts He has given us. Your gift will help those in need. Your stewardship is a witness to your faith in Him. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Every parish and all people within the Diocese of Fargo benefit from God's Gift, especially the many who seek the diocese for charitable and spiritual assistance.

The Diocesan 2025 God's Gift Appeal goal is \$3,886,500.

May you have a blessed week! Thank you very much!

Fr. Frank Miller
Pastor

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Parish Office: 776-6388
www.littleflowerrugby.org
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am - 3pm

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass as scheduled on back page

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 5:45 p.m. - midnight
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If a funeral is scheduled at 11am adoration begins at 1pm; if a funeral is scheduled at 2pm adoration will be from 8am - noon.



**St. Mary's Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy**

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy**

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Friday 7:00 p.m.



Infant Baptism

Please contact priest before birth or selecting baptismal sponsors.

Marriage Preparation

Prior to setting a wedding date, at least six months in advance, please arrange a first meeting with one of our priests.

New Parishioners

Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

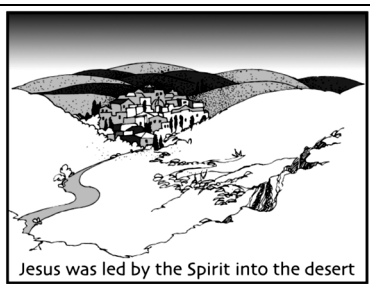
Communion to the Sick & Homebound

Parish ministers bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound and the hospitalized. Please call the parish office to arrange for visitation.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact a priest when hospitalized or preparing for surgery or significant medical procedure.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday of Lent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

Monday, February 23

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Stations of the Cross 4:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight

Tuesday, February 24

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- The Bible & Church Fathers Study Group 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 25

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- LF Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- Little Flower Stations of the Cross 5:45 PM
- Little Way Classes 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- St. Mary's Mass & Stations of the Cross 7 PM

Thursday, February 26

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM

Friday, February 27

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with a movie following in Dorothy's Room
- OLMC Mass & Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 28

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confession 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- KC Breakfast 9 AM - 12:30 PM at the Eagles
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM

This weekend is **Commitment Weekend for the 2026 God's Gift Appeal**. The goal for Little Flower Parish is \$62,558, St. Mary's goal is \$3,999, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel's goal is \$8,934. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. If you do not have a card, commitment cards are located at the church entrances. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

Walk the Stations of the Cross and recount Jesus' journey to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross will bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion!

Little Flower will have Stations of the Cross led by the Catholic Daughters and Christian Mothers on Mondays at 4:15 PM followed by the rosary and the 5:15 PM Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays following the 5:15 PM Mass.

St. Mary's will have Mass and Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have Mass and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Knights of Columbus



Breakfast

There will be a KC Breakfast March 1st at the Rugby

Eagles. We will be serving sausage patties, pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice and coffee from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. We would like to invite everyone to come out and join us for a terrific meal and fellowship. Thank you for your support.



Soup and Stations, a Family Night of Prayer and Fellowship on Wednesday, March 4.

Everyone is welcome to attend along with the Little Way classes, CYO students and the Knights of Columbus following the 5:15 PM Mass to pray the Stations of the Cross together. After this devotion, the children will head downstairs to create a hands-on Stations of the Cross bag, and families are invited to enjoy soup and fellowship with fellow parishioners.

This year the children and youth of Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel will express the Lenten tradition of giving Alms by choosing to give close to home. Students will make their own "Lenten Giving Boxes" to collect coins for the benefit of Catholic Charities North Dakota. Students are also making more boxes to distribute to parishioners with an enclosed charitable message explaining the mission of Catholic Charities North Dakota. Look for these handmade "Lenten Giving Boxes" at the entrances to the church, and pick one up to use for your own charitable giving during Lent.



CYO Lenten Seafood Fundraiser. Off the Hook Seafood is back! All orders support the CYO program. Forms are available near the entry of the Church. Orders need to be returned by March 14. Your order will arrive on March 28.

Little Flower CYO Rummage Sale—March 12th – March 14th from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM and March 15 from 8:00 AM - Noon. With Lent upon us, it's a great time to clear the clutter and lighten the soul. **Donations will be accepted starting March 8th in the Monsignor Cloos Dining Room.** If you're able, please unpack your items in the designated areas. Volunteers are welcome anytime beginning March 8th to help unpack, sort, or assist during the sale. Unsold items will be donated to St. Ann's Thrift Store in Belcourt. Questions? Contact Lisa at 208-0931 or the Little Flower Parish Office. No TVs or computers accepted.



Pray 365: Help Little Flower Catholic School with 365 days of prayer! Our children pray for requested intentions on Wednesdays at our Weekly Assembly. A day of prayer is a wonderful gift for a loved one for a birthday, anniversary, recovery from illness, thinking of you or anything else you can think of! Once again, the donation amount to sponsor a day in 2026 is \$25. Contact Mrs. Jennie Brossart to reserve your dates.



Are you interested in becoming a 4th degree KC? There is some interest building and we would like to hold a 4th degree exemplification here in Rugby. In order to do so, we are looking to get as many men as possible for this ceremony. Please contact Brian Blessum, Pete Burgard, or email rugbykc@gondtc.com if you would be interested. We are also seeking any possible spare or unused **KC swords**. These would be given to new 4th degree KCs to help in completing their uniform. If you would like to donate them, please drop them off at the parish office.

Catholic Charities North Dakota invites you to honor Deb Black and her dedication to service at the 2026 Caritas Award Luncheon on March 17, 2026 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 710 10th St. S, Fargo. Please RSVP by March 3rd to Melinda at CCND; 701-235-4457 or MELINDA.ELLSWORTH@CATHOLICCHARITIESND.ORG. An RSVP is required due to limited capacity.

Thank You to the parishioners of Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Saint Mary's and our CYO youth for your participation in the Devils Lake Women's Care Center's "Baby Shower." We have an awesome donation for the Women's Care Center. Currently the Devils Lake Women's Care Center is expecting 79 babies from moms who are being served and who are attending classes at the Women's Care Center. Your generosity supports Moms and saves lives.

FCCLA is hosting a service project to sew and donate handmade blankets for the Trinity NICU, and we'd love your help. If you enjoy sewing—or want to learn—this is a meaningful way to bring comfort to babies and families during a challenging time. Any soft, cozy, baby-friendly blanket is welcome. Your time, care, and creativity will make a real difference for the tiniest patients. Thank you for sharing your talents and helping us wrap these little ones in warmth and love. (swaddle blankets 42x42 -- crib blankets 26x36.5) Call Meagan Schaan 701-542-3878 with any questions. We would like all blankets by March 15th.

Little Flower Speaker Capital Campaign. Our church sound system has been upgraded with two new speakers to improve clarity during Mass and parish events. The cost of this upgrade was \$9,000. **Donations in the amount of \$3,810 have been received in support of this project. Thank you to all those who have contributed.** Donations of any amount are appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Speaker Capital Campaign" and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to Little Flower Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2026	2025
February 14-15		
Little Flower	\$8,923.00	\$7,179.00
February 15, 2026	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$121.00	\$994.00
OLMC		

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$62,558
Pledged	\$
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$3,999
Pledged	\$
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,934
Pledged	\$

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Parish Music Ministry

Susan Hoffert



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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becoming a sponsor of the Little
Flower Historian please contact
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Monday, February 23

7:30 AM (LF)
5:15 PM (LF)
5:45 PM (LF)

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46 Saint Polycarp
† James Lenertz by Nick and Bernie Senger
† Rick Stigen by Vernice Brossart
Adoration

Tuesday, February 24

7:30 AM (LF)
8:00 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (HE)

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
† Alan Ness by Mike and Deb Black
Adoration
Health of Tammy Tufte by friends

Wednesday, February 25

7:30 AM (LF)
9:30 AM (OLMC)
5:15 PM (LF)
7:00 PM (SM)

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
† Anna Schaan by Ron and Wanda Kremer
† Michael Barth by Edwin and Patty Pfeifer
† Gale Keane Busemeyer by Myrna Baumann and family
† Jerome Voeller by Bob and Diane Fritel

Thursday, February 26

7:30 AM (LF)
8:00 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (HE)
10:30 AM (Hosp)

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
† Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan and family
Adoration
† Agnes Heilman by John Heilman
† Delores Hager by Archie and Lorraine Schwan

Friday, February 27

7:30 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (LF)
7:00 PM (OLMC)

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 Saint Gregory of Narek
† Angeline Keller by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer
† Helen Kremer by Delilah Scherr
† Gerald J. Muffenbier by Larry and Diane Muffenbier

Saturday, February 28

8:00 AM (LF)
5:00 PM (LF)

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
† Tim Cote by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11 First Sunday of Lent
† Marlene and Bob Schumacker by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM (LF)
8:30 AM (OLMC)
10:30 AM (LF)
10:30 AM (SM)

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9 Second Sunday of Lent
Living and deceased family members of Mark and Deb Millang
† Doris Schneider by Mary Ann Welder
† Joe and Bernie Volk by Joe and Mary Schmaltz
Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored for the living and deceased family members of Mark and Deb Millang.

SERVING OUR PARISHES FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers		Chuck Teigen	Marge Heilman Joyce Teigen		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers		Rita Graber	Rose Schneibel		
10:30 AM Sunday	Finnley Zwingel Brenna Zwingel Crosby Zwingel		Barbara Vetter	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Barrett Bohl Titus Volk	Tim Sattler Al Follman	Wanda Follman	Kenny Bohl Family	Hoffert and Pfeifer Families
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Alice Bohl	Wes Hall, Joe Haman, Derrick Klein, Kelly King		